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Mostly Sunny
High 57, Low 35

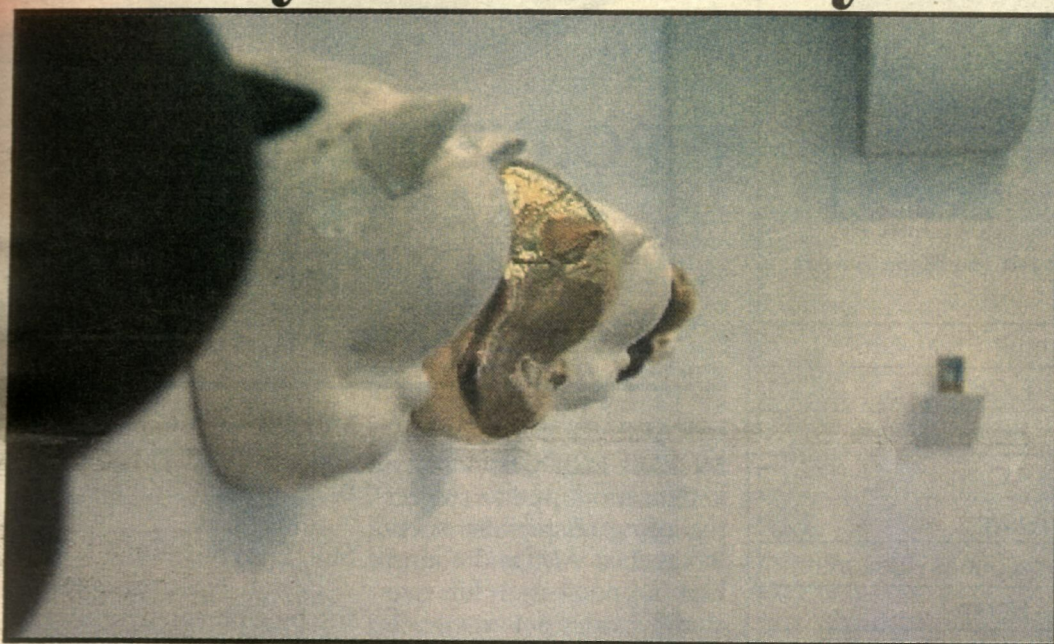


Friday
Few Showers
High 51, Low 37



Saturday
Showers
High 48, Low 35

Amando Ramos' Exhibits His Most Recent Work in the Reynolds Gallery



Photograph by Dan Cammarano

The Reynolds Art Gallery is hosting a new exhibit by Armando Ramos. It is his first solo-exhibit attempt and will run until February 26th.

By Courtnee Coburn
Staff Writer

The Reynolds Art Gallery, known for its displays of innovative and unique artwork, has once again taken a step in an original and distinctive direction. On January 17th, Armando Ramos' collection of sculptures in clay opened and took its place in the long line of great art exhibits here on the Pacific campus.

Tiny action-heros, figurines, sculpted heads, and bodies fill the room. This particular exhibition is especially known for its satirical twist. A reception for Ramos was held at the gallery on Friday, January 20th.

See Amando on page 2

A student takes a break from classes to check out a piece from Amando's latest exhibit.



Pacific Airs Commercial During Pacific Basketball Game on ESPN2

By Erin Birmingham
News Editor

On Thursday February 9th Pacific debuted a new commercial on ESPN2 during the Pacific vs. Cal State Fullerton men's basketball game. This was the first and only men's basketball game on ESPN2 this year. Being that it was their only nationally televised regular season game Pacific's Media Board decided that it would be the best time to air their new University of the Pacific commercial.

The new commercial is a tribute to the beautiful Pacific campus. It aims to increase the school's reputation. The 30 second commercial is an advertisement for the

Stockton, San Francisco, and Sacramento campuses. However it was filmed on the Stockton campus.

The commercial is aesthetically pleasing. It steams together images of the Stockton campus in Autumn, student athletes, a choir in Morris Chapel and various other students socializing and studying out doors. The Pacific Hail is sung by the choir through out the commercial. It represents the school in a very sophisticated and professional light. It was a good commercial and should increase Pacific's popularity nation wide.



Photograph from pacific.edu

Pacific Hail! is The University of the Pacific's new commercial. It is a series of images of the campus and campus life put to "Pacific Hail!". The Commercial debuted on ESPN2 during the Pacific vs. Cal State Fullerton Men's Basketball game.

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This is Armando Ramos' first completely solo showcase. However Ramos already has quite the reputation for his "witty and amusing sculptures".

He attended the Kansas City Art Institute, and received a scholarship to attend national council for Education of Ceramic Arts.

It is definitely a treat for Pacific to host the work of such a promising, up and coming artist.

The exhibit runs until February 26th.



Photograph from pacific.edu

"Witty and amusing sculptures" such as this one fill the vibrant exhibit.

Movie: Hustle and Flow	Feb. 16-18, p.m.	Summit
Women's Health	Feb. 16, 4 p.m.	CARE Center
Passport to Pacific	Feb. 16, 4 p.m.	Pine Room
Pacific Women Connect	Feb. 17, 12 p.m.	CARE Center
Native American Pow-Wow	Feb. 18, 10 p.m.	Main Gym
Lecture: Dr. Micheal Eric Dyson	Feb. 18, 8 p.m.	Faye Spanos Auditorium
Passport to Pacific	Feb. 21, 12 p.m.	Pine Room
Passport to Pacific	Feb. 22, 4 p.m.	Pine Room

"Your Future Is Now!" Career & Internship Faire

Thursday, March 2, 2006

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grace Covell Hall

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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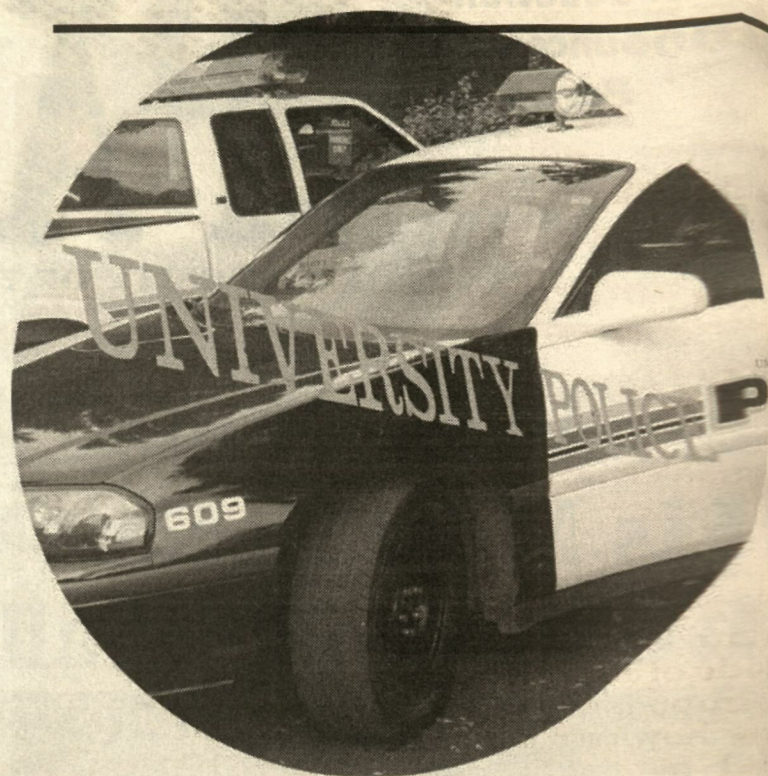
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Correction

On page 2 of the Jan 26 edition of the Pacifcan, an article says that the search for a dean in the School of Education is still underway. That is not correct information. We have had a new dean in residence since July 1, 2005. Her name is Dr. Lynn Beck.



REPORTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY WEEKLY REPORT February 5 to 11, 2006

1*ARREST WOOD MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Officers stopped a subject regarding suspicious activity at 2:00 AM and found him in possession of two credit cards belonging to another person. He was also in possession of narcotics.

2*ARREST PACIFIC AVE

Officers observed a pickup truck driving south on Pacific Ave. with a subject hanging on the back of the truck at 3:49 AM. Officers stopped the driver and determined he was under the influence. CHP arrived and processed the driver. The other subjects were released to their parents.

3*VANDALISM SCHOOL OF ED

Staff reports finding two windows broken. One appeared it was caused by a bullet and the other window was broken by an unknown object.

4*ASSAULT PUBLIC SAFETY

Victim reports he was assaulted earlier in the day on the campus by an associate of his.

5*VEHICLE THEFT DAVE BRUBECK WAY

Victim reports the theft of a 1982 Toyota Oregon plate

YVK091 off campus between 730 and 1040 PM in the block of Dave Brubeck.

6*MISSING PERSON SOUTHWEST HALL

Person was reported missing by a parent. Officers located the subject and notified the parent the subject was alright.

7*VANDALISM BALLANTYNE

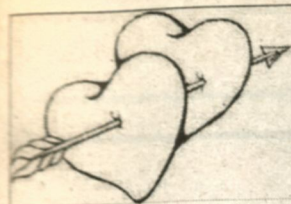
Officers initiated a vandalism report of a PRIDE poster that someone marked with graffiti.

8*THEFT BURNS TOWER

Victim reports the theft of a leather front end cover to her vehicle while she was in the library.

9*AUTO THEFT GLARY TOWNHOUSE APTS.

Victim parked their 1990 Pontiac at 1:30 PM on 02050 and when they returned at 1:26 AM on 020606, they discovered the rear passenger window broken. Suspect took the detachable face plate to the car stereo. Officers stopped subject fitting the description of a suspect seen earlier but he did not have any of the stolen property. Report filed and information sent to Stockton Police for follow up investigation.



From congress to campus

Dinner with a Congressional candidate

By Jennifer Hite-Smith
Editor-In-Chief

As University students we are beginning our lives as active citizens, both inside and outside of the political realm. It is important, however, to know how much we are affected by those we choose to represent us in this Great American system.

Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. will be running against current California representative, Richard Pombo, to be the Republican representative for the 11th district of California. The House of Representatives elections will be held on November 7, 2006.

I had the opportunity to meet this Congressional-hopeful over dinner last week. Apart from learning about California politics and maintaining legitimate values for the American system, I learned about myself and what it takes to

uphold what one holds dear. McCloskey stated in his Statement of Candidacy, "I would characterize this campaign as a battle for the soul of the Republican Party."

When I think of the variety of things one can accomplish in life, I see an example in McCloskey. I hope to teach you what I learned about this 78-year old Congressional hopeful by highlighting his views through his previous accomplishments. First, however, a little of his own words to me about his connection to the American people.

"I never wanted to get into politics," said McCloskey. He told the story of his entry into the political realm when, at 21, he noticed the stance of the Democratic Party against the civil rights movement - he did not like the way things were going. "Something snapped," explained McCloskey, "and I went into politics."

"I've never been a very good politician," argued McCloskey, "Because if you want to do what is right, people don't always listen to you."

McCloskey explained to me the revelation by which he has come to understand the role of young people in America. "All of the great movements in my lifetime were by young people," emphasized McCloskey. Such movements included civil rights, women's rights, anti-Vietnam protests, labor laws, and human rights.

"Young people are idealistic," continued McCloskey, explaining the mindset of young people that allows them the ability to take action. He explained how young people can readily take action on issues that affect them. When you are young, you can mold and change.

Picture this scenario: young people have the ability to change and reorder their lives without much consequence - you can change your major, dump your significant other, or protest human rights and still have time in your life to get things going your way.

However, a second scenario comes with age. It is not as easy to find work if you lose your job at age 60; it is not as simple to find another partner if you divorce after 50 years. This is how McCloskey painted the mobility of American youth. We are the backbone, the checks and balances of our nation. Mix in the passion and desire to change the system when we don't like it, and we have had a lot of power throughout history.

Now, here is the man behind the inspiration. McCloskey received a number of heroic medals, including



petemccloskey.com

McCloskey is all smiles as he prepares for his campaign.

two purple hearts during the Korean War. He continued to serve over 20 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. McCloskey also founded what is now the largest law firm in California, located in Palo Alto. McCloskey was an environmental lawyer who protected and fought for natural habitats and endangered species.

"All of the great movements in my lifetime were by young people."

Not to be excluded are his 15 years in the House of Representatives as the representative for the San Francisco Peninsula. McCloskey is a politician who has experience in the system, a plus for pushing for what Californians want.

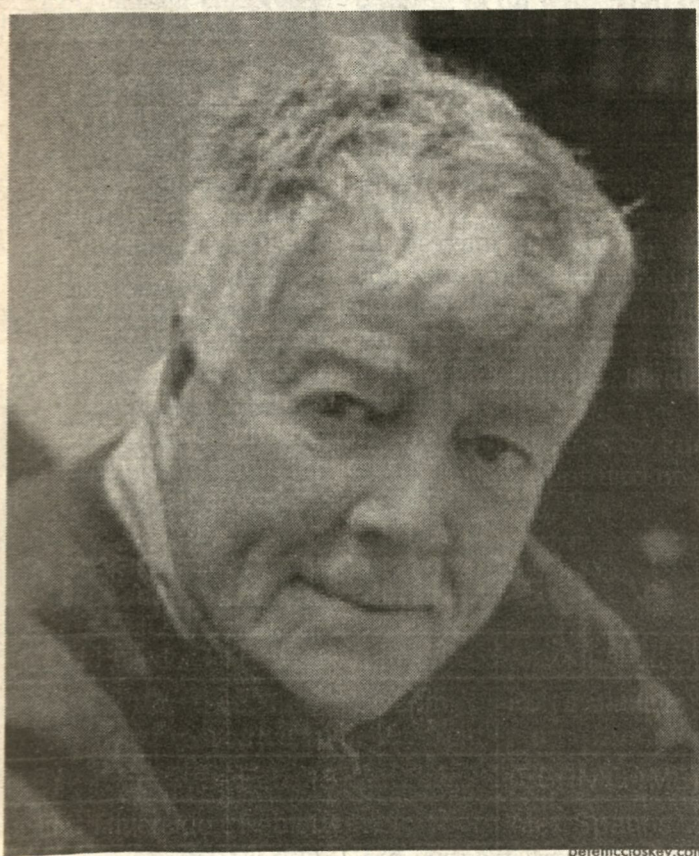
McCloskey was the co-chairman of the first national Earth Day in 1970. Thirty-six years later, he is still aware of our environmental needs. For California, the issues involving the degradation of our environment are becoming more and more important. Here in the San Joaquin Valley, we are in the "fertile crescent" of both California

and the United States. McCloskey knows and understands the intensity at which we must attack environmental questions. "I believe human-caused global warming is a real threat," stated McCloskey. He is planning on coming to Pacific to speak on Earth Day 2006, which falls on Saturday, April 22.

At our dinner, I found out McCloskey personally spoke to Yasser Arafat, former Prime Minister of Palestine, about recognizing and finding peace between Palestine and Israel. His work in this arena of international relations flows through the Council for National Interest for which McCloskey is president. This institution focuses on a balanced foreign policy between the U.S. and the Middle East. McCloskey argues that Israel needs to recognize the Palestinian government in the same way that Israel continually asks for international recognition.

In 1972, McCloskey unsuccessfully ran for president against Richard Nixon and the Vietnam War policies. Later, in 1973, McCloskey was the first member of Congress to give a speech for the impeachment of Nixon, a speech for which he is still well known.

I end this with one request: surprise those who think our generation is apathetic.



petemccloskey.com

California Congressional candidate Paul McCloskey.

Letter

In response to the article in the February 9th issue of The Pacifcan titled "Superbowl 2006: Jerusalem."

In the most recent issue of *The Pacifcan*, staff writer Benjamin Dunphy outlines a poorly conceived and thoroughly [sic] ridiculous analogy, comparing several terrible events in Middle Eastern and European history to a Superbowl halftime show...the Superbowl itself apparently being the "game" of the Jewish-Muslim conflict that has caused the loss of countless lives over the span of thousands of years. Wow. So that seems like a pretty reasonable comparison then right? Essentially what that says to me is, "let's compare an event where the most controversial occurrence is Janet Jackson's exposed breast, to...oh I don't know, say...World War I, or maybe the Holocaust." What kind of immature and ignorant writer thinks that

it's appropriate to draw analogies like this? Allow me to outline a few of the more ridiculous and utterly dumbfounding things that I found in this article. I'd first like to point out that the analogy that the entire article is based on is completely inconsistent. First of all, mixing a football term like "Red Zone" into the article to indicate Palestinian controlled land (at least I think that's what it's supposed to represent because Mr. Dunphy never actually explains what "Red Zone" is supposed to refer to) does nothing but confuse the reader unless you offer a concrete parallel of what "Red Zone" represents. The title of the article: "Superbowl Jerusalem" implies that maybe some of the historical events referred to would involve Jerusalem. Think again. Mr. Dunphy made sure only to reference events that do not at all involve this city. The events listed in this article that pertain to World War I all took place in either Saudi Arabia, or the areas

now known as Jordan, Syria, and the Sinai. TE Lawrence (not "Lawrence of Arabia"-just because you've seen the movie by no means does it indicate that you know what the hell you're talking about) had nothing to do with Arab or Jewish movements in Jerusalem. Perhaps if Mr. Dunphy actually did some research outside of Hollywood this would have been clear to him. Lawrence was indeed crucial as a liaison between British intelligence and the Arab revolt against Turkish rule, (note: Turks, not Jews, were the enemy of the Arabs in this particular conflict) and spent years in what we now call the Middle East, but these campaigns did not take place in Jerusalem. Mr. Dunphy then decides to jump ahead to World War II (which also did not involve Jerusalem interestingly enough) and continues his analogous train of thought with some very offensive material. Dunphy calls Hitler's book "Mein Kampf", the "rulebook" of the German "team," and

then says that the Germans "tried to eliminate their opposing team altogether, the Jews." Now, if by "team" Mr. Dunphy meant to imply that these events were a game and that the Jews were willing participants, I would suggest that Mr. Dunphy think about the fact that being systematically slaughtered in your own country by your own government because you held certain religious beliefs is pretty far from being a f*cking football game. Mr. Dunphy makes no attempt to reference any actual Jewish-Muslim conflicts from more recent times such as the Yom Kippur War in 1973, or the terrorist attacks that have plagued Jerusalem since then; He is much more content to continue his poorly conceived analogy, substituting historical facts with what I'm sure he thought were very clever references to football, especially his closing line: "We'll be right back with Al Michaels and John Madden after these messages." Wow, what an astounding wit this writer possesses, I've never encountered such aphorism in modern journalism. This article does not discuss what the title implies it will, and is overall an immature, ineffectual, [sic] and outright irritating-to-read piece of writing. Plus, Dunphy is writing under the "Perspectives" section of the *Pacifcan*...so where is his perspective on these issues? Having interests in politics and sports does not just mean you can combine them into this abortive attempt at analyzing the Jewish-Islamic conflict, without even expressing an opinion other than that it's "the most intense halftime show I have ever witnessed." It's pretty clear that actually having some writing ability is not a requirement to work for the *Pacifcan*. (And are you guys really too busy to check for spelling errors in your HEADLINES??) I'm not out to get this printed (although you have my permission to run it if you choose), I'm just trying to make a state-

ment about the quality of newspaper journalism. *Pacifcan* seems to sanction as well as question the effectiveness of their staff writers.

Sincerely,
Jake Wenger

Rebuttal

By Benjamin Dunphy

Before I begin my response to the misunderstanding of my article that is expressed in the form of an attack (to the left of this column which is at many times personal, I would like to define the word "satire." Satire "the use of wit, especially irony, sarcasm, and ridicule to attack the vices and follies of humankind." Now, if this is not explanation enough for you to understand my motives, allow me to elaborate.

Your first point that "the analogy that the entire article is based on is completely inconsistent" is simply untrue and I am going to show you how by responding to many of your assertions and comments below.

"Mr. Dunphy never actually explains what 'Red Zone' is supposed to refer to"

The first time I mentioned the Palestinian Red Zone was in the first half, where Chris Burman mentions how many members each team has in the "Palestinian Red Zone." Football fans know that the Red Zone is the twenty yard line to the endzone of the opposing team, which is where the offense eventually wants to end up, and I contrasted this fact with the Area of Palestine. I never bluntly stated that the Red Zone is Palestine, as I never gave an accurate description of the field or many other aspects of this "game." I felt the reference to the Red Zone was obvious enough for the readers to draw their own conclusions, especially since I called it the

Networking Program with Alumni

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

6:00 PM "Get A Grip On Your Future" Networking Program

Presidents Room, Anderson Hall

7:00 PM Networking Reception with graduating students

Regents Room, Anderson Hall

Join the Pacific Alumni Association and Career Resource Center as they team up to bring the Class of 2006 an interactive and fun way to learn effective networking skills. The reception immediately following will allow participants to put their new found skills into action. Both the program and reception are free and open to any alumni and students who wish to attend.

RSVP by Monday, February 27, 2006 by calling 946-2391 or online at www.pacificalumni.org (Calendar section).

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Palestinian Red Zone.

"The title of the article: 'Superbowl Jerusalem' implies that maybe some of the historical events referred to would involve Jerusalem. Mr. Dunphy made sure only to reference events that do not at all involve this city."

The first half of the superbowl explains the events from the journey of Moses to Israel up to the year 1900. Jerusalem becomes more and more important throughout the twentieth century, especially after WWII, which was to be my second half. This is mainly because, as I was going to explain in the second half, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is the holiest site for the Jews and the third holiest for Muslims. To give you a historical example of how important this area is to the security and peace talks of the Middle East, in 2000 Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak made an offer to the PLO that would mean the establishment of a Palestinian State on 90-91% of the West Bank and the whole of the Gaza Strip, with an outlying suburb of East Jerusalem as its capital. Yasir Arafat, the leader of the PLO, refused this offer mainly because of the issue of control over the Temple Mount and Jerusalem. Peace talks broke down, and the second Intifada started as a result. This is why I have not made much reference to this city yet. As I already stated, Jerusalem becomes much more important post WWII, which is the second half of this Superbowl. I called it "Superbowl Jerusalem" because Jerusalem is the reason why so many peace talks between these two groups have broken down.

"The events listed in this article that pertain to World War I all took place in either Saudi Arabia, or the areas now known as Jordan, Syria, and the Sinai."

Did you actually read the article? I clearly point out the connection there. Take another look at that map that

is printed in the halftime article. See that? That's the land of Palestine under the British Mandate, which actually consists of what is now known as Jordan. At this point in history, the borders we currently see were non-existent. In regards to Saudi Arabia, that country wasn't even established until 1932, and Jordan and Syria not until 1946. The West set up secret treaties with King Saud (and others, but let's keep it simple), the eventual ruler of the eventual Saudi Arabia, in order to defeat the Ottomans. The British promised Saud the land now known as Saudi Arabia. Why do you think the West has such good (economic) relations with Saudi Arabia, because Christians and Muslims have coexisted peacefully throughout history? No. Because the first oil refinery, Saudi Aramco, was set up with American dollars. WWI and WWII essentially allowed the West to draw the borders of the Middle East. I will draw further connections in the next answer.

"TE Lawrence (not 'Lawrence of Arabia'- just because you've seen the movie by no means does it indicate that you know what the hell you're talking about) had nothing to do with Arab or Jewish movements in Jerusalem."

As to your assertions that Lawrence of Arabia had nothing to do with the Arab or Jewish movements in Jerusalem, let's look at my article one more time. I tell you that the Ottomans ruled Palestine, and in fact they ruled pretty much the entire Middle East at this point. I point out what mideastweb.org expresses: "Arabs led by T.E. Lawrence and backed by Sharif Husayn revolted against the Ottomans in the belief that Britain would help establish Arab independence in the Middle East." If that is not a good enough source for you, according to The Essential World History by William Duiker and Jackson Spielvogel, "a British officer who came to be known as Law-

rence of Arabia incited Arab princes to revolt against their Ottoman overlords in 1917." Again, this proves my point that WWI did in fact have an impact Palestine/Israel, and had everything to do with Arab and Jewish movements. The Arabs were understandably angry, because after they helped the British defeat the Ottomans, they were not given the land they were promised, as Palestine became a British mandate. This is also important to the Jews because it secured a land for them and allowed for them to immigrate into the land of Israel and eventually establish a state. But the establishment of Israel is for the second half, after WWII, which I will eventually get to. Did you forget that there are two halves in football?

"Perhaps if Mr. Dunphy actually did some research outside of Hollywood"

I have never seen that movie you mentioned. Here are all of my sources used for this article:

"The Essential World History" Duiker/Spielvogel, 2005www.mideastweb.org

My notes from a Middle East lecture by Gigi Gokcek, Contemporary World Issues, 2004

And the Bible and Q'uran quotes I used: I simply googled for quotes for each book and put ones that I felt were relevant in there; I don't remember the sites.

"Mr. Dunphy then decides to jump ahead to World War II (which also did not involve Jerusalem interestingly enough)"

I feel I partly answered this question above in outlining the significance of the title of Jerusalem. As to the fact that it didn't have anything to do with Jerusalem, you can't be serious. If you mean that Jerusalem was not a force to be reckoned with in WWII, you're right-but in this sense you do not understand what I am trying to say. WWII and the results produced allowed for the Israeli state to be established, which subsequently led to the 48 war and pretty much every con-

flict in that region during the 20th Century. WWII did not involve Jerusalem on a militaristic analysis, but it allowed for the Jews to eventually call Jerusalem their city.

"Now, if by 'team' Mr. Dunphy meant to imply that these events were a game and that the Jews were willing participants, I would suggest that Mr. Dunphy think about the fact that being systematically slaughtered in your own country by your own government because you held certain religious beliefs is pretty far from being a f*cking football game."

By taking this satirical look at the history of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict as a literal, serious analysis you are defeating the result I am trying to achieve. The historical analysis is one hundred percent true (as we know it in history books: as I pointed out in an actual quote by President Harry Truman, "No two historians ever agree on what happened, and the damn thing is they both think they're telling the truth."), but it is presented in the form of a football game. By no means do I take away from the seriousness of these events, as much as one can when presenting this in the form of a football game. What I am doing in this article is making what is called a "link" of the historical events of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and the Superbowl. Now, in this satirical analysis, the entire history is played out in a first half, a halftime show, and a second half, which I have yet to write. And it is supposed to be humorous; it is supposed to make you chuckle. Nothing can change the events of what happened, and by me making a link between the Superbowl and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, I am not taking away from what happened, but I am actually putting these events on the table for everyone to recognize. This brief analysis of the historical events by no means takes away the seriousness of the events that happened, but rather presents these serious events in an easy to read, enjoyable format that, if the

presentation doesn't make you chuckle, John Madden's gradual steps to drunken line-drawing will.

"Mr. Dunphy makes no attempt to reference any actual Jewish-Muslim conflicts from more recent times such as the Yom Kippur War in 1973, or the terrorist attacks that have plagued Jerusalem since then"

Two words: Second half.

Now that you understand my article, "Superbowl 2006: Jerusalem," I can address the question you proposed in the beginning of your attack on my article and me. You stated that it was "overall an immature, ineffectual, and outright irritating-to-read piece of writing." And then you posed the question,

"What kind of immature and ignorant writer thinks that it's appropriate to draw analogies like this?"

I am sure the immature writer you speak of would not make personal attacks or baseless assertions, not have a sense of humor or understand the meaning of satire, or present a case of fallacy on something that he does not understand. Yet I appreciate that you speak from your heart. I just hope you now understand my article, and that you understood my responses for your misunderstood assertions.

Incidentally, if you are going to criticize someone for grammatical errors, try to make sure the document in which you make these criticisms does not have grammatical errors in itself. It is thoroughly, not "thoroughly," occurrence, not "occurrence," and ineffectual, not "ineffectual". Please let me know if there are any other problems you have with the article; I would be happy to clarify them for you.

To those who were looking forward to the second half of Superbowl 2006: Jerusalem, it will have to wait until next week, as the time I would have spent on it was taken up by this response. <http://www.mideastweb.org/briefhistory.htm#Geography%20and%20Early%20History>

*Valentines Lines
from Pacific
students*

Happy V

To all of Tri Delta's sexy new babies: You wanted clues, so here they are! Two are true and one is a lie. Good luck figuring them out and Happy Valentine's Day! Delta Love, Your New Member Ed.

Katie M: loves wa
loves music, from
southern california

Kara: from the bay
area, junior, skate-
boards

Julie: junior, favorite
color is pink, loves to
dance

To: Alisha Happy
Valentine's Day
Lovey -Bunny

Katie G: loves to
sing, ed major,
loves david bowie

Ashley:
brunette,
junior,
single

I love you Mikey
Vu!- Your Secret
Admirer

Happy Valentine's
Day love, Jessica AM
and the Hot Pink and
come see us at The
Summit on March
8th!

Brittney:
sophomore,
Tri Delta
officer, loves
pink

Leslie: single,
sophomore, loves
history

Happy Valentine's
Day to all my pretty
Thetas! Love you
-Lauren Gallow

Happy Val's Day
To: Jill (my sis), Nate
Alejandro and Alex
Pedez (who is in
Mexico now!)

Cassie: loves hip hop,
junior, loves to sing

Suzy: tall,
loud, loves
disney

Happy
Valentine's
Day to Karin
C. love Your
Big

Happy 18th
months and Hap-
py Valentine's Day
my Prince! Love
Precious

Adrienne: from San
Jose, communication
major, loves to surf

Kate: biology
major, sopho-
more, 19 years
old

"Help me make the
most of freedom and of
pleasure, nothing ever
lasts forever everybody
wants to rule the world"
-From Tears for Fears
to Melissa Z

Happy Valen-
tine's Day Erin-
Chris Robertson

Happy V-Day to
all my lovely Gamma
sisters! -Veronica
Ensiso

Christine: favorite
color is green, junior,
ed major

Wishing everyone
a happy Valentine's
Day! -ASUOP

Happy
Valentine's Day
Love, M

Liz: loves mu-
sic, economics
major, lives off
campus

Gina: loves
clovers,
blonde,
single

Layla: single,
delta dream girl,
loves Charlie
and the Choco-
late Factory

Jag alskar dig
min lilla koala
bjorn -Tina
Brehmer

To: Bobby Mariano
I want to rub may-
onnaise up on your
nipples -Alberto

To Les-
lie Harding
- I Love You
From, JC

I love you
even though
you're a butt!
-Jessica S

Kelsey
beautiful
beautiful
beautiful
true Love,

Avery: ed
major, loves
country, has a
boyfriend

Kelly: sopho-
more, double-
major, from
California

To my Bros and
Sis and Christ:
Thank you for your
love and support!
-John Pinney

To: Amber Pa-
dilla Happy Val-
entine's Day Baby
Girl! -Alberto

Happy V-
Day Roberto
and Kelly -
Alex

Valentine's Day

RHA Celebrates Valentine's with "Masquerade in Vegas"



Photographs by Dan Camaranno



Pacific students celebrated Valentine's day in a number of ways through campus events this past week.



The Epicurean Restaurant Review *love foods*

By Jeffery Morgan
Staff Writer

This week The Epicurean Restaurant Review celebrates Valentine's Day with a tribute to the foods of love. Though most of you have probably done something cliché* for your Valentine's Day and are probably disappointed with that same box of chocolates, have no fear, with the proper food you can make every day as romantic as Valentine's Day should have been.

Food has always been the key to a romantic interlude. The practice of using foods to create romantic experience goes back to the ancient practice of mixing aphrodisiacs. Ancient peoples used certain herbs and foods to both help them perform better so to speak, but also to heighten the romantic experience. Common foods associated with stimulating the feelings of romance are things like aniseed, asparagus, almond, arugula, sweet basil, the combination of chocolate and wine, etc. Many ancient peoples believed that such foods had special powers allowing the consumer of these products to have things like libido, irresistible charisma, stamina, and the ability to make someone fall in love.

Whether or not such foods actually have such power I cannot rightly say. What I can say is that nothing says "I love you" like a beautifully prepared meal. Romance is about sensuality and the consumption of good food is per-

Question: What is love?



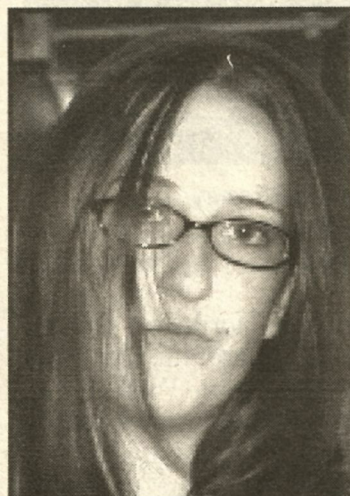
Nora Plutzik
Vocal Performance
Freshman

A series of compromises and actions that ultimately improves life.



Anthony Yi
Music Education
Freshman

All you need is love.



Jessica Virtue
English/Film
Sophomore

Sacrifice, happiness, duty, passion; all of that without even having to think about it.



Photographs by Tina Brehmer

Coco Eicholtz
Communication
Freshman

Doing everything for one person without caring about anything else.

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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Subwoofers and a Valentine's Day Apology



By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

Ah, the Valentine's Day issue of the newspaper. A rather strange "holiday" Valentine's Day is, if you can call it that. While some people get all googly-eyed over what their significant other did for them, others get teary-eyed over what they didn't. For the rest of us, we sit idly by and watch

as Valentine's Day, a.k.a. Single Awareness Day, makes itself painfully evident. And everyone knows there's only one thing singles should be doing on Valentine's Day.

Which brings me to the question, have you ever been out at some crazy party, the music is blaring in the background, and you feel like if you continue to drink any more your face will probably get in a fight with the ground

and most likely lose? What do you do then? No, not punch holes in the host's room, you call Stripes for a ride back to your room or another party. But have you ever been on Stripes at night? It's such a strange feeling to leave a really loud environment, and then hop on an almost silent cart ride across campus. And if you're trying to go to another party, the lack of real sound besides the high-pitched squealing of the cart is almost unnerving, and just takes away all your drunken party momentum. I have come up with a solution my dear friends, so Stripes if you're reading this, you should take it to heart. One word: Subwoofers.

Think about it, how great would it be if the Stripes car just came equipped with two 12 inch subwoofers in the back? Sure, there would be the minor problem of the fact that, oh you know, there

would no longer be two seats in the back, but it would be worth it. No more hassle of always having to go outside sporadically to check if Stripes is there yet; you can just stay inside and wait for the faint sound of approaching music. "Hey man, is Stripes here? I've been waiting for*oh I think I hear the bass line to California Love. It's getting louder. Ok, the windows are rattling, they're here." No fuss, no muss.

Another phenomenon I've noticed is the strange relationship people have with their online journals, also known as blogs. I mean, there are things that a lot of people don't want to talk about but for some reason feel completely comfortable with posting on the Internet. For example, here's an excerpt from one that I was reading: "Dear <insert name of girl>, if you didn't know, but I'm sure you did, I really do like

you. It's not too common that I am genuinely interested in anyone much less write about my puppy dog-like infatuation in a public place like this. In short, you're pretty awesome, and your award-winning smile is top in my book. I know I messed up pretty badly the other night, but I honestly don't remember saying anything like that, and if I did, it's definitely not how I feel. Anything, it was in response to something I walked in on, but you should already know that I don't think it's true. I truly am sorry." See things like this get posted online on a daily basis. This could be a post from any one of your fellow classmates, or for all you know, it could be my attempt to apologize to a good friend of mine. In any case, let's see if he gets the girl.

Hollencomium Music Reviews

Richmond Hollen
Music Reviews

This week we will be reviewing three bands with one thing in common: they are all led by females. Other than the physical characteristics of these female singers the bands do not differ from the bands that I have been reviewing so far on the Hollencomium reviews. So without further ado I will introduce these fantastic females.

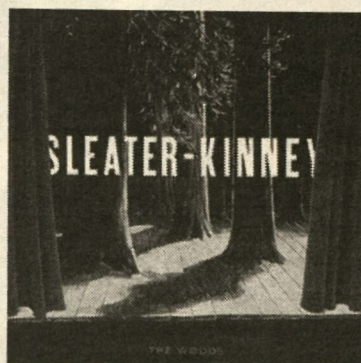


Cat Power
You Are Free
"He War" 10

Chan Marshall, who is Cat Power, is probably one of the more intriguing artists of our generation. Like many great rock stars Chan is unreliable, precocious and most importantly insane. What makes her different than the rest is her sense of frailty, which in my mind at least makes her less of a rock star and more of a human.

"He War" is her upbeat anthem from the album *You Are Free*. Chan's sweet southern inflection along with the persuasive foot tapping rhythm create a great dynamic. It's painfully simple and catchy as hell.

Personal: 7.5
Originality: 6.2
Catchiness: 8.8



Sleater-Kinney
The Woods
"The Fox"

Being a northwest native I am a bit partial to the punk rock trio from Washington. They definitely have an interesting dynamic with two lead singers, one of which has a compellingly strong voice and the other with a more gentle tone. They also have two lead guitarists, one that usually covers the lower tones to make up for the lack

of a bass player.

"The Fox" is their powerful opening track on their 2005 release, *The Woods*. The song narrates the meeting between the fox and the duck; the fox being the sly male and the duck being the naive female that catches on to the fox's intentions. It rocks harder than anything else on the album and is a great opening track.

Personal: 8.2
Originality: 7.4
Catchiness: 4.2



Viva K
Viva K
"Does It Matter?"

Armed with a sitar and a tabla the band has seamlessly welded eastern influences with western power pop. Their music is greatly influenced by the former Beatle George Harrison. The band cites the death of this legend along with the purchase of a sitar at a local pawnshop as the starting point for this Los Angeles band. Although they can be dark at times, "Does It Matter?" is a great pop song that is propelling this small LA band to new popularity.

Personal: 6.8
Originality: 7.0
Catchiness: 7.9

HOROSCOPES

The Horoscopes are not completed by a certified Astrologer, they are a humorous addition to this college publication. The Pacifican does not intend to offend or insult anyone.



By Dan Cammarano
Astrological analyst

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

The ongoing debate will rage as long as scholastic endeavors continue: mechanical pencils or wooden pencils? While one offers convenience, the feel and aroma of a freshly sharpened wooden pencil has no equal. The stars tell me that you will need to make a choice in the near future. Until then, use a pen and don't mess up. Tonight, tape the OC.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

During these cold months, you may long to lie next to the pool with the beautiful people. It's time you realized that there are freezing temperatures elsewhere in the country. Seventy degrees is not cold, so get naked and head to the pool! Tonight, wash behind your ears.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Looking out on the levee may make you feel that your room is a bit ugly for comfort's sake. Go to Pier 1 and look for toss pillows to add flair and spark to that drab room. Tonight, call the McCaffery Center apartments the "UCs."

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Your sense of safety is all thanks to our friends at Public Safety. If it is true that you feel safe (and according to more than one constellation you do), go out and get a gift for one of the officers, such as a hat or donut holes. But don't buy actual donuts; you don't want to perpetuate a myth like that. Tonight, wear something old.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

The God of Iron has become angry and wrathful at the Townhouses, for he has turned off the driving gate code. Sacrifice thirteen erasers and hope he doesn't come for you next. Tonight, listen to a Shakira song while taking a cold shower.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

After Valentine's Day you may have been left wanting. Whether your significant other failed or you're just a sad, lonely person, you should buy some chocolate and watch a soap opera. Look on the bright side, you're not in a coma. Tonight, listen to Rob Zombie.

Leo 7/23-8/22

You have a fever, and it's a hell of a fever. The only prescription is either cowbell or a cold drink. Think long and hard Leo, this may be the question that leads to the success of your future. Tonight, wonder what it would be like to be flat-footed.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

There is someone out there for each of us, and from time to time someone out there thinks they are your one. We call them stalkers and the best defense is mace and a shrill voice. So the next time that person shows up at your door wanting a hug, give them a shot of pepper and scream bloody murder. Tonight, visit the library.

Libra 9/23-10/22

There are many people out there who have no taste whatsoever. These people may wear socks with sandals, or perhaps enjoy red wine with Alaskan cod. Seek out a person like this and show him what an idiot he is; it is your job to help the world. Tonight, work the corners.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

The stars say you had a wonderful Valentine's Day, and if you disagree then chances are you are very, very wrong and should do some soul searching. Wait for a good deed to be done to you and pay it forward; what goes around comes around and around and around, it is cool like that. Tonight, wish the horoscope writer got paid.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

With all the ass monkeys and unhappy people in the world, it's refreshing that you are above it all. Go to the library and check out the construction to plan out where you will take your first nap there. Tonight, relax Coolio style.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

You may have noticed that the stars do not favor you, Capricorn. That's okay, remember that it's always darkest before dawn. Don't worry, you're your own person, just scream if you want it because you want more, that's at least true. Tonight, watch Batman.

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actual romance. Take, if you will, the most common of all romantic images, the candle lit dinner, or perhaps you prefer the old engagement ring hidden in the dessert as your ideal romantic image. In either case and through each example the idea of food is completely interconnected to love and romance.

If you are worried about affording those expensive imported oysters with the bottle Bordeaux from 1986 when planning your romantic engagement, you need not worry yourself. When it comes to planning a food centered romantic engagement one only needs a little bit of passion and some good planning. Martha Hopkins co-author of *Intercourses: An Aphrodisiac Cookbook* wrote, "Any food that taps into all the senses is an aphrodisiac." All you really have to do is to think about it a little bit and let your heart figure out the rest. As for the date itself I can only help with some food suggestions, winning the heart of your lover is your department.

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Pacific Softball Signaling for a strong season

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Sports Editor

The Pacific softball squad got off to a hot start sweeping Santa Clara 4-0 and 12-4. Led by Jennifer Curtier, who was selected by the Amateur Softball Association to the 2006 Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Watch List, this could be a season of great memories and awards.

The Tigers scored three runs in the second inning in the first game giving Briana Santos more than enough runs as Santos gave up six hits in seven innings of shutout work. Curtier added insurance with a home run in the fifth in-

ning. It was a team effort in the second game as the Tigers and Broncos were tied in the fifth inning until Curtier's triple. Curtier then scored on Kristen Allen's sacrifice fly and Pacific never looked back.

Chelsea Engles, another

freshman, picked up the victory. The offense was in sync and it started off at the lead off position where Gina Carbonatto went 5 for 8 with three runs. Lauren Weyman



Pacific Women's Softball has tough season ahead but are looking forward to the challenge.



Photographs by Dan Camarano

has had a knack of clearing the bases early in the season with five RBI's against Santa Clara.

This is a team that will relay on its freshmen as it could work as the talent is there for the young Tigers and with veteran leadership the sky is the limit for the 2006 Tigers.

Beruit Championships in Full Swing

Marcell Gibson
Staff Writer

A day after Pacific Basketball's victory over Fullerton, Tiger Athletes congregated in the Townhouses for the Beirut Trails. Akin to the Olympic Trails, these Athletes traveled from as far as off-campus apartments to exhibit their bravado, and potentially to win better seeds in the much antici-

pated Beirut Tournament of Champions.

Beirut has long been a feature of University of the Pacific, a sport requiring top-notch hand-eye coordination under the most rigorous conditions. Often mistaken as Beer Pong, Beirut features no paddles; instead it places the ping pong ball in the hands of the athlete, and only the greatest shooters with the highest tolerance can prevail.

"Some athletes who play with Beirut rules and follow the Beirut procedure like to call it beer pong, but little do they know, beer pong uses paddles. Go to any REAL college and you'll learn that," comments Nick Hansen, co-founder and President of the Townhouse Beirut Association.

The rules for Friday's play were approved on-spot, with

minimal dissent from the athletes. Off-campus referee and Division 1 Beirut Player Chris Simmers from University of California, Santa Cruz explains, "House rules apply so each event can be technically different. Athletes have to learn the house rules before they play, but they vary very little. That is, unless you're some crazy east-coaster which can 'cause some problems amongst players."

The most contested rule during the action was the requirement for the ball to be released behind the table. The rule calls for the ping pong ball to be released prior to it crossing the Beirutts

Back to Bashing Bonds

By Ryan Mathews
Columnist

So steroids are in the news again and just in time for Valentine's Day, there was no love shown for Barry Bonds by New York Times columnist Murray Chass. His article reminds us clearly there is a problem in baseball with the use of steroids. Throughout the past season, we have seen numerous charges for steroid use. One of the players who tested positive for steroids last season was Rafael Palmeiro. Months before he tested positive, he faced Congress and pointed his finger mentioning that he had never used steroids, "period."

So why is Bonds a target by Mr. Chass? He feels that the home run record is the next step towards recreating the integrity lost in the game of baseball. As many know Bonds is only six home runs away from equaling Babe Ruth (714) and 47 away from Hank Aaron (755). Chass feels that if (and when) Bonds beats Aaron, and his black steroid-cloud never disappears, the records will adopt this figurative cloud. Fans now and of the future will always wonder. He feels that there should be a full investigation into Barry Bonds' past, very similar to how Pete Rose was pinned for gambling.

This is an important question to ask, and I will admit that it will increase the challenge of me proving him wrong, but I feel that this is an untimely PR stunt that is coming from a New Yorker. It worked because it made national news today. Other than that, there is no need for a full investigation on one single player right now. The players union just agreed on

Sports Calendar

Women's Basketball vs. CSU Fullerton	Feb. 16, 7pm	Alex Spanos Gym
Baseball vs. UCLA	Feb. 17@2pm, 18@1pm, 19@1pm	Port's Stadium
Men's Basketball	Feb. 18	(ESPN GAME)
Women's Basketball vs. UC Riverside	Feb. 18	Alex Spanos
Men's Basketball vs. CSU Northridge	Feb. 22, 7pm	Alex Spanos

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Womens Basketball on the Rise

Arash-Scott Behnam
Sports Editor

No doubt controversy and bad losses were the focal point of the Craig Jackson era. The Pacific women's program has had its fair share of hurdles in the last two years, but now the light can be seen in this gloomy tunnel that has engulfed the women's basketball program.

The road of trials and tribulations is far from over, but the whirlwind of bad losses and lack of heart seems to be in the past. It could be argued that the best thing that has happened for the Tigers was the resignation of Jackson. With Jackson out, and interim coach Karen Weitz in, Pacific has transformed itself into a legitimate team. Ask powerhouse UC Santa Barbara what they think of the new and improved Tigers and they will thank the basketball gods for their 64-62 victory a few weeks ago. This is a new Tigers team and with Weitz in the helm, the fire is back.

Pacific made it clear with an 87-53 win over Cal Poly that this is not the same team that started the season.

"The game that we play now is way different from Craig's," said junior Ashley Dolezal.

"Coach Weitz has us playing up-tempo, in-your-face offense and defense when before, we played back and let teams bring the game to us. We are now bringing it to others."

Sophomore Kelsey Lavender has been the catalyst, giving post players Carolina Ruiz and Tina Sanerivi another weapon in the perimeter. Lavender's play, along with Wyvonne Jones and Jerise Freeman, has helped solidify the backcourt. The

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a new penalty guideline for players who test positive for steroids, and it seems strict and appropriate at 50 games for the first offense, 100 for the second and a lifetime ban for the third offense. I am pretty sure that Bonds is aware of this rule and, he has a lot going for him and the team right now. Let us not forget that the Giants are still hunting for their pennant.

Sure, one could speculate if he has tested positive for steroids, or tried to work his way around it, but there is no concrete evidence to prove that he has taken steroids. In December 2004, the San Francisco Chronicle opened the can on the BALCO story. In the article, it mentioned that Bonds had testified to a federal grand jury. In the hearing, he admitted to using "rubs" and "oils" given to him by his trainer. The court ruled the substances were not strong enough to be steroids. If this propositional investigation takes place, it will be a huge repeat of the BALCO incident because they are going to have to review all of the same information that was recorded by the federal jury a few years ago. To go back and re-interview trainers, players, coaches, friends and anyone who interacted with Bonds would cost money; take away from the game, and again, one can't guarantee that any of those people are credible right now.

Kimberly Bell was in a relationship with Bonds for nine years and in an interview with the New York Times, she said he used steroids. Big deal. She, too, testified to a federal jury, but recently would not mention what she testified about. I think that she is not a credible source if she can not defend her comments in more than one circumstance. Something that confuses me is that the New York Times is operated by flip-flop editors: two years ago (April 7, 2004), they interviewed the home run leader, Aaron, and questioned him on Bonds' possible steroid use. Aaron simply answered "Steroids or no steroids, he would have had a Hall of Fame career." Aaron said it

is up to the public and fans to decide. So at this point in 2006 it is all of a sudden the right of the media to decide what should be done on this situation. Leave it alone.

I would like to see Bonds' break the home run record and only a fluke accident could prevent him from doing so. This record is one of the most sacred records in all professional sports and should be handled with care, but that gives no reason to single out a player right now. The new rules are tough, that is easy to admit. They will be in place and enforced for the 2006 season, and if Bonds wants to juggle with them and risk his whole career, then that is his deal. It would be tragic if that situation did occur, but let the river flow. Don't try to put a dam up on a something that is moving fluidly.

Again, Bonds is being singled out, and if you are going to single him out for his record, then why aren't we bugging Mark McGwire? Didn't he go to Congress last year? Sammy Sosa is in a pursuit of his own right now. He is also trying to reach the top three in the home run record, but he has been caught playing with a corked bat. I don't see anyone complaining

about that when they are trying to bring back integrity.

I can't understand why there are columnists out there that have their mind set on tarnishing people and making their lives difficult. It is too bad that they have to add nonsense into their article to spice it up and make it sound legitimate.

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table plain. As a member of Team Hella, who wishes to remain anonymous, points out, "I am used to the elbow rule; can't cross your elbow over the table. So it threw me off my game. The penalties started adding up."

The penalties did start adding up for Team Hella who was called for shenanigans (just below a warning) over 13 times, warned 8 times, and lost 6 made cups in the course of the night. The only team comparable was Team 2 Men, who received 4 warnings, and lost 2 made cups.

Regardless of the rule technicalities, the action was intense as well over fifteen teams faced off in heated Beirut battle, and the upsets were plentiful. Team CancerStickCool, a mixed gender team featuring Kimi, a new-

comer on the circuit, went into overtime with much favored Team Intellecttual Savages, and during the rebuttal, came away with the shocking victory.

"I was stunned to say the least. Intellecttual Savages or powerhouses in the association," comments a spectator who witnessed the overtime win.

Easily the highlight of the night was played by the 2 Shot Killers, who upon winning the ball after over 30 shots for initiative, slammed a one-two punch into the center cup of their opponents, Team 2 Men.

"In over a half a century of game play, I had never witnessed such a devastating opening blow," Nick Hansen said. "They each threw their opening shot, they both made it in the same center cup. By the TBA official 'rule book', that's game."

"I really wish I could have emulated the 2 Shot Killers," said Erin, a member of Team KKE(AD) who pulled away with a single victory that night. "The victory lap afterwards was really the coolest though." Team KKE(AD) came close to replicating the 2 Shot Killers, but Team Smool lucked out with great defensive play led by Jen who orchestrated a sudden cup deflection.

At the end of the event, it was clear that Team 2 Shot Killers would take the number one seed in the final trails scheduled for March 11. However, like many leagues across the board, Townhouse Beirut Association is again facing bankruptcy.

"We have been forced to postpone the Beirut Tournament of Champions once again this year," Hansen said. "It's sad because we have had such a strong showing of support."

TBA officials are considering seeking bail-out from ASuop, but are highly skeptical that they would receive any funding at all.

For up to date coverage of all that is TBA, or to enter a Team for the next Beirut Trails, please visit thepacificanonline.com sports section. A full copy of the TBA official rules is also featured on the site.

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My First Time... backpacking

By: Liz Blount
Guest Writer

I spent my weekend enjoying water, bagels (thanks to the dining hall), and a jar of JIF peanut butter. I strategically packed my big, blue

We had experienced the three Ws: waterfalls, wildlife, and wet shoes.

backpack the night before my first time. It was very important to have warm clothes to put on when the sun went down for my first time. Finally it was bedtime, for I needed a good night of sleep before my first time. So here's the story of my first time...

At 6 a.m. we left the

occurred: a fallen down, huge redwood tree was blocking our route. Just like the song we sang in Kindergarten, "Can't go through it, can't go around it..." we had to go under it. This put things into perspective for me, for I now knew anything could happen out there. We all made it under with only muddy knees and dirty shoes to show for it. I could finally let loose and enjoy the outdoors!

Our journey continued as we hiked up and down, around and around. Finally, I spoke up as it was necessary for my first time to relieve myself in the outdoors. Of course, this is the norm in an adventurous, outdoorsy type setting - it's what the guides call "the best part of being outdoors" - no toilets! Well

violent water pouring from the top; however, they were pure and totally sweet to look at. The wildlife was like something straight from the discovery channel: two newts mating, creating new life. The wet shoes were just an added bonus of being near an awesome waterfall and creek.

The sun was setting and we were all starting to get a little hungry so the guides gave everyone a job in order to help make the famous POC burritos. I know what you are thinking, burritos on a backpacking trip? Now that's luxury! There were no campfires allowed, which was probably a good thing considering the fact that our group had a tendency to be somewhat clumsy when cooking was involved. A couple of spilled pots of

that from Stockton? I didn't think so. However, we did and it was truly amazing. After some serious stargazing and cleaning up the dinner mess, we finally made it into our tents. But to some of the group's dismay, others found it necessary to snore while sleeping. Now that I could have lived without on my first time. You know, being out there you really start to appreciate even the worst things in life, such as the dorm bathrooms, because waking up at three in the morning and needing to use the bathroom is really unfortunate when it's pitch black and you are in the middle of a 5 foot by 5 foot tent. I guess some things you learn to hold, and at a time like that, it was necessary to hold.

I finally got the nerve to hop over my tent mates at eight in the morning, simply because the latrine was calling my name; actually, it was screaming my name. No smell could stop me then! Soon after, everyone got up and we boiled water for our oatmeal and hot tea or chocolate. We ate, cleaned, and packed up our tents and backpacks. It was time to hit the dusty trail again, or rather the sometimes muddy, sometimes rocky, or even sometimes tree-y trail. We ran into another fallen redwood on the way back but this time it was up and over! Wham bam, thank you ma'am style. Everyone was now a pro...well at least mostly everyone. The trail back to the starting point was different than the one to camp, however it proved to be another strenuous hike. Fortunately, we all seemed to be



Pacific Outdoor Connection located in Baun Fitness Center to embark upon a journey that I had never before experienced. Big Basin Redwoods State Park in Santa Cruz was our destination. But for the twelve of us, it was about the journey, not the destination. Backpacking through Big Basin, twelve miles round trip, was a wild adventure for anyone (especially for your first time).

Nine students and three guides set out after a two-hour minivan ride on a hiking trail en route to Sunset Camp. Our backpacks strapped on tight and trekking poles in hand, our journey began and I was still alive. About ten minutes into the trail a minor problem

I wasn't sure what to call it, but nature called and I knew what I had to do. It was also time for lunch; we had been hiking for quite some time and we needed energy. My bagels, which I had so easily borrowed from the dining hall, and jar of peanut butter gave me a boost and soon we were on our way.

The hike got more strenuous as we continued, but what fun is a hike that's not challenging, right? At this time things became serene and almost unreal. We had experienced the three W's: waterfalls, wildlife, and wet shoes. At least two of the three were awesome! The waterfalls were loud with

beans, chicken, and water were just some of the mishaps that occurred. But the burritos are what made my first time eating in the woods so memorable.

A full moon and sky filled with stars - can you see



in good spirits despite sore we were from the before!

I couldn't take the anticipation any longer stopped a passing hiker, the opposite way asked him, "How long headquarters?" and he replied with a smile, "Fifteen minutes." Soon after, we saw a sign saying that we had reached the trail but that there were still 0.9 miles left to headquarters. It wasn't until that moment, that I realized how awesome my first backpacking had been.

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perimeter took a huge as senior Dana Zimmerman quit the team due in part to Jackson, but has since returned. Add freshman transfer point specialist Rene Roberts and the future is bright for Pacific. Roberts is not the only freshman playing valuable time as both Tyler Morrison and Whitney Price are learning from savvy veterans like Dolezal, Julie Melcher and Lyndsay McNamee.

Although this year has had its ups and downs, the Tiger program is on the rise. Weitz should strongly be considered for the permanent position as she has the Tigers playing with passion every day. Pacific has responded and although in the middle of a three-game losing streak, the Tigers now know they can compete with anyone in the nation.

"We are no longer content with losing," McNamee said. "That's what it has seemed like in the past couple of years. Coach Weitz and [assistant coach Jeff] Gardner both want this program to succeed at the highest level possible. They both know it's capable of a higher caliber. Although we've been through a lot, we are all still here and willing to put up a fight to see this program succeed."

With this newfound attitude it would be no surprise to the Tiger faithful to see their beloved basketball program making noise in the Big West Championship tournament.